GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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COMMERCIAL USE OF DEFENCE LAND IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a United Services Club Mumbai is functioning as a profitable commercial venture on prime defence land;

(b) if so, whether the club is paying a sum of Rs. 0.36 lakh per annum while Defence Estates Officer has assessed the annual rent payable by club as Rs. 2.73 crore;

(c) whether the club hires out its premises for private functions @ Rs. 0.50 lakh for 4 hours etc.; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The United Services Club, Mumbai is functioning on a lease given by the government of India.It is a fact that the Defence Estate Officer has assessed the annual rent payable by the Club as Rs. 2.73 crores per annum.The Army authorities have informed that the Club has now discontinued the leasing of facilities for commercial purposes.